# Panel Hires Probers in Schorr Leak

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The House ethics committee has hired 13 former FBI men to conduct the committee's investigation into the leaking of a secret intelligence committee report to CBS newsman Daniel Schorr.

A House Administration subcommittee yesterday approved contracts totaling $80,000 to hire the retired FBI men at a rate of $100 a day. The men, all of whom have at least 25 years of experience with the FBI, will get between $300 and $10,000 each for the life of the contract, which expires next Jan. 3.

Meanwhile the investigators—headed by former FBI agent David Bowers—have begun interviewing members of the intelligence committee to determine who leaked the report to Schorr, who then turned it over to The Village Voice, a New York weekly newspaper, where it was printed. One intelligence committee member interviewed described the interviewing as "very low key."

Ethics committee Chairman John Flynt (D-Ga.) said the investigators may interview up to 400 people.

But signs persist that the House is cooling off on the investigation. Rep. Charles Rose (D-N.C.), a member of the House Administration subcommittee, would only vote present on approving the contracts yesterday, though he had voted on the floor for teethics committee investigation.